

The Bloomfield Record.

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Town Improvements.

Although the requirements of the local law in regard to street lighting in Montclair were widely advertised throughout the village, a very general indifference seems to be manifested in regard to this improvement, now that it is left to the people to decide. The new law requires the lighting to be done only upon petitions from property owners, which must embrace at least half the property (by linear feet measured on the street), in order to make it lawful for the Town Committee to contract for lighting. The old contract expired on Oct. 1st, since which time the streets have not been lighted.

When we consider this indifference in regard to gas in connection with the liberality and healthy enthusiasm in the same town as manifested for good sidewalks, graded roads, drainage, schools, etc., we cannot help recalling the position we took in THE RECORD when the gas improvement was first inaugurated. We then held that its introduction, except in a moderate, inexpensive way, confined to limited districts, was premature and uncalled for. And now, after it has been thoroughly tried, the people, where they are allowed the privilege, have in effect voted to extinguish the lamps. This clearly demonstrates the correctness of our position, which some, at that time, called unpopular and oldfoggy. We aimed to represent and protect the interests of the people collectively, and not that of a circumscribed few nor of those peculiarly interested in supplying gas, or any other commodity.

If the property owners of Montclair or Bloomfield see fit to adopt a course which shall lead toward retrenchment, THE RECORD will stand by the villages and the people. The accumulation of unpaid taxes year by year in these places ought to be noted as conclusive evidence that the assessments are onerous, and more than the people can bear. And looking at it in a sensible and purely disinterested way, we can see no just cause for such an expense, the same as any other improvement.

In our own town, the amount we are spending for street lighting is out of all proportion in comparison to appropriations made for other purposes. There are plenty of lamps in the outskirts whose light is seldom seen except by the man who lights and extinguishes them; while at the center of the town we are without sidewalks, have not a foot of street pavement, save one Road Board avenue, and are destitute of anything resembling uniform grades or drainage. The gas is useful, but it ought not to shut us off entirely from other improvements.

The *Hearth and Home* concludes an article on the Centennial exhibition as follows: The effect of the Centennial on this country will be vast and beneficial. The Vienna exhibition was followed by a panic. It had exhausted the resources of the city in a speculation which proved a failure. But it is obvious that the American Centennial will have the opposite effect on the business of the country. It will revive trade of all kinds. It will prove a needed and wholesome stimulant to business. It will keep thousands of Americans from visiting Europe, and turn the tide of travel this way. It will have a still more marked effect on the politics of the country, enlarging the area of vision and nationalizing the public feeling and aims. It will be the death of sectionalism of all kinds, and the birth of a new era of unity and good will. Heretofore we have been the United States, and not very well united even at the best; hereafter we shall be one nation.

Political.

At a Democratic meeting, held in this town Wednesday evening, the following resolution was unanimously adopted: WHEREAS, No nomination has been made for a county office from among the Democracy of Bloomfield within the past forty-four years, and, whereas, a due regard to equitable dealing, and party harmony, requires that the just claims of every smallest township be recognized; therefore, be it resolved, that it is the sense of this meeting that the Bloomfield, of right is due the nomination for Sheriff of the County of Essex, at the approaching County Convention.

Dr. Gaunt of Burlington has been invited to address the proposed Sanitary Convention, at Newark, on the 13th. The Mount Holly Mirror states that Dr. Gaunt is perhaps as well qualified to deal with such subjects as will be brought before that body as is any other man in the State. He has devoted much time to investigation of the nature and causes of epidemic diseases, and has labored long and ardently for sanitary reforms in this city. Among his friends he is universally and deservedly respected as an authority in all matters of this character. His discovery of a nuisance is promptly followed by a fearless exposure and pungent denunciation thereof.

Sixtieth Anniversary.

The anniversary of the Sunday School of the First Presbyterian church and of the Missionary Society connected with it, was held in the church on Sunday evening last. There was a large audience and the exercises were very interesting. The classes occupied the central pews. The platform, was appropriately decorated by the school banners, autumn vines and flowers, and was occupied by the Pastor, Rev. Mr. Ballantine, Mr. F. H. Wisewell, of the Sunday School Union, who was present to address the school, the Superintendent, Mr. T. H. Ward, and Mr. W. W. Wyman, Superintendent of the Infant School.

The Pastor made the opening prayer, giving thanks that during the year no deaths had occurred in the school, and invoking the divine blessing upon the Missionary and Sunday School work.

A report was read by the Treasurer of the Missionary Society, Mr. Louis Barrett, in which it was shown that \$450 had been contributed by the school and disbursed during the year, a decided increase over the missionary work in any former year.

The Pastor made an address to the Missionary Society. He spoke chiefly of the happiness that was promoted and the general good accomplished by these Missionary Societies.

Following the address, came singing and recitative exercises, by the school, all of which denoted efficiency, talent and faithfulness on the part of all.

A report was rendered by Mr. N. Kimball, Secretary and Treasurer of the Sunday School, showing that \$267.09 had been received and \$223.61 expended during the year. The average attendance had been 146 during the year.

Mr. Wisewell made a most acceptable address, which was earnestly listened to. It abounded in forcible and pleasant illustrations of his theme, which was intended to inculcate the principle that "giving is gaining," on the one hand, and on the other that "living is losing."

Meeting of Presbytery.

The Presbytery of Newark has been in session at the First Presbyterian church, in this place, during Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. Twenty ministers and nearly as many laymen have attended as delegates.

Rev. George C. Pollock, of Lyons Farms, was chosen Moderator, and Rev. L. B. Hopwood and R. S. Grummon as temporary clerks.

Rev. Mr. Hopwood was elected a Committee on Narrative for the ensuing year. Charles T. Haley and Rev. Dr. Brinsmade were appointed a committee to report on the minutes of the General Assembly.

At the afternoon session a motion was adopted that the State Clerk address a letter to the Foreign Missions of the Presbytery, summing up a report of their work.

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After the sermon, the report of the Committee on Sabbath Desecration was read by Rev. Dr. Few-Smith, and was ordered to be published.

The session on Wednesday was occupied with the examination of twelve students from the German Theological Seminary. The Presbytery adjourned Wed evening.

Homicide by a Boy in Orange.

John Fugit died a day or two ago in Orange, under circumstances which show that his death is a case of manslaughter. He lived with his wife and two children in Rock St. On Sunday evening he was seen from home, and during his rambles called upon Mrs. Margaret Knowles, who resides in New street, with whom he was slightly acquainted. After he had been there for some time he asked Mrs. K. to go after some beer for him, and upon her refusing to do so, he turned to her son Peter, who was standing near by, and made the same request to him. But Peter also refused, and this led to some words, ending in a quarrel, in which it is alleged, Fugit became abusive to Mrs. Knowles and her son. Peter rose up in her defense, and grasping a piece of board struck Fugit two murderous blows upon the head, and then rushed out of the house. Fugit fell to the floor unconscious, and was picked up and laid on a lounge, where he remained in an unconscious state all night. A physician who was called could not restore him to consciousness, and he died on Tuesday. Peter Knowles has been arrested and the board with which he struck the blow has been secured. A coroner's jury is investigating the occurrence.

Politics in Newark, pending the Charter Election to be held next Tuesday, are now in a very lively state. The Democrats have nominated Mr. Andrew A. Smalley for Mayor. The Republicans held their convention on Tuesday evening and nominated Mr. Henry J. Yates. Mr. Yates is one of Newark's successful manufacturers, and has served with marked acceptability in the Common Council, as the friend of economy, law and order.

The Methodists of Brookdale announce an oyster supper and festival, to be given in their new church next Wednesday evening. We hope they will be liberally patronized.

Mr. Israel Coe, Justice of the Peace, has gone to Woonsocket, Conn., on a visit, expecting to return the first of next week.

The public schools of Newark were closed on Tuesday afternoon to allow the pupils to attend the funeral of Miss Annie E. Woodruff, late principal of the Market street public school.

THE LOCAL NEWS.

Montclair Railway.
The corporators of the Montclair Railway met last Saturday and perfected the new organization. Smith Ely, Jr., C. Perkins, J. De Menoile, Jacob F. Randolph, H. B. Ferris, M. A. Myers, and J. Wyman Jones were elected directors, and Jacob F. Randolph was selected as President, with Wm. O. McDowell as Secretary. The road was formally transferred to the new corporation by the trustees, who have since issued the following notice, dated Oct. 5th:

Notice is hereby given that Jacob F. Randolph, Esq., has been appointed Manager of the Montclair Railway from and after this date, and his orders will be respected and obeyed accordingly.

MARCUS L. WARD,
ABRAHAM S. HAWTHORNE,
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The people living in the vicinity of Glenwood avenue are no sooner rid of one species of affliction than another comes. Formerly it was Sunday desecration; then it was an overplusage of howling dogs; and a few weeks ago their cellar and yards were flooded. Lately they have been persecuted by a troop of boys who congregate day and night and practice for a drum band. This drumming is certainly an unmitigated nuisance and ought to be abated.

Our tax collector, Mr. A. C. Marr, may be found daily at his office, in Corby's Brick Building, from 2 to 6 P. M., to receive taxes now due and payable up to the 20th inst., on and after which date the extra percentage and cost will be added. The Collector will also be at his office on Saturday evenings. We are informed that the taxes are being paid up with a fair degree of promptness.

State Items.

A man named Patrick Greely, residing at Pompton, is laying at the point of death from injuries inflicted by his brother Martin. Ill-feeling has existed between the brothers for some time, and on Sunday night Martin went to Patrick's house and commenced to create a disturbance. Patrick came out to quiet him when Martin struck him blow on the head, knocking him insensible, in which condition he has since remained. Officers are looking for Martin.

Extra meetings are to be held in the Watseka M. E. Church next week, as follows: Tuesday evening, Oct. 12th, preaching by Rev. Mr. Jacobus of Jersey City, Wednesday evening, by Dr. True, of Dr. Taladno's Lay College, New York. Thursday evening, Rev. Mr. Lowe and Praying Band of Jersey City will be present. Friday evening, preaching by Rev. E. W. Burr, of Bloomfield. The public earnestly and cordially invited.

The Young Men's Christian Union of the M. E. Church

will hold their third quarterly entertainment in the church on Friday eve., Oct. 17th. Exercises to consist of Solos, Quartettes, Choruses, Readings, Essay, Oration and Recitations. Several of the choicest pieces of music as sung by Messrs. Moody and Sankey, will also be rendered, together with selections from the Jubilee and Tenor Melodies. The public are cordially invited to attend.

Mr. Francis De Gress offers for rent a room in the contemplated building and elsewhere describes the premises. A rare opportunity is afforded to secure a most complete and charming country home. Mr. De Gress's business enterprises in Mexico and South America render it necessary that he should remove thither, with his family, which he expects to do in a few weeks.

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We learn through the Orange Journal that some of the parties in the largest interest of property to be reassessed in the city of Orange for benefits on Park ave., will pay no attention to the newly appointed Commission, as they consider the action of the Board illegal and unjustified.

There is a delay in the contemplated grading and widening of Fullerton ave., in Montclair, a serious legal question having come up. A w. of tertiori, it was expected, would be filed at the Court House on Thursday morning, to restrain the work from being commenced.

The masons and laborers have been putting up the new brick factory of Messrs. Crump and Everell, at Montclair, expect to celebrate the completion of the main building by a grand ball, to be given on Friday evening of next week.

Mr. T. H. Borden, who has been spending the summer in Bloomfield, with his family, returned to New York a few days ago. Mr. B.'s place of business, as a stationer and printer, is at 46 West Broadway. His advertisement is in our columns.

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The Commissioners on rapid transit have decided adversely to an underground railroad in New York.

At an auction sale of Chinese women at San Fran, two only Chinamen being allowed to purchase, the most desirable damsel brought but \$2, and one beauty whose nose was a little out of plumb, fetched only the ridiculous sum of 65 cents.

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